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FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

Maryland Annual Conference

OF THE

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH,

HELD IN

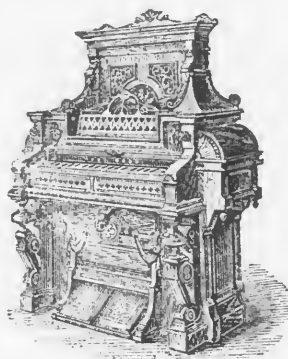
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- S. B. SOUTHERLAND.... { *Watson's Institutes.*
 { *Evidences of Christianity.*
J. T. LASSELL { *Bullion's Analytical Grammar.*
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- J. T. MURRAY..... { *Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.*
 { *Attributes of God.*
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- F. SWENTZEL..... { *Watson's Institutes—Moral Law.*
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W. S. HAMMOND..... { *Mosheim's Church History, from 12th Century to*
 { *close of the volume.*
H. C. CUSHING..... { *Wayland's Moral Science.*

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and F. H. Millineaux.

W. S. HAMMOND,

Secretary.

L. W. BATES,

President.

The Faculty meets Tuesday before Conference, at 3 o'clock P. M., to examine Students, and at 7.30 P. M. for business.

MINUTES

OF THE

Maryland Annual Conference.

The forty-seventh session of the MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE convened in the Starr Church, Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday, March 10th, 1875, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by the President, who read the 46th Psalm, the 15th chapter of Revelation, announced the 557th Hymn, and offered prayer.

J. L. Mills and J. Shreeve were appointed a Committee on Credentials, after whose report the roll of Ministerial and Lay Members was called as follows :

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

D. Evans Reese,	T. A. Moore,	W. C. Lipscomb,
J. W. Everist,	J. Thompson,	T. McCormick,
Jas. K. Nichols,	A. D. Dick,	Amon Richards,
John R. Nichols,	W. G. Holmes,	I. T. Adkins,
A. S. Eversole,	C. H. Littleton,	W. A. Crouse,
J. M. Elderdice,	D. F. Ewell,	D. L. Greenfield,
L. W. Bates,	J. T. Ward,	C. M. Thompson,
A. Baker,	B. F. Benson,	C. O. Melvin,
S. B. Southerland,	W. M. Strayer,	W. C. Ames,
H. P. Jordan,	C. T. Cochel,	W. H. Lane,
J. J. Murray,	J. E. T. Ewell,	F. T. Tagg,
P. L. Wilson,	S. A. Hoblitzell,	Jacob D. Wilson,
D. W. Bates,	J. E. Maloy,	W. J. Floyd,
John Roberts,	J. L. Mills,	J. L. Straughn,
R. S. Norris,	J. W. Charlton,	W. F. Livingston,
W. T. Dumm,	J. B. Jones,	Henry Bruner,
D. A. Shermer,	J. W. Gray,	J. L. Kilgore,
David Wilson,	A. Webster,	E. R. McGregor,
T. D. Valiant,	W. D. Litsinger,	R. L. Lewis,
H. J. Day,	R. S. Rowe,	F. T. Little,
F. Swentzel,	J. D. Kinzer,	W. J. Neeper,
T. M. Bryan,	G. D. Edmondston,	A. A. Harryman,

Jesse Shreeve,
J. A. McFaden,
J. H. Ellegood,
E. J. Drinkhouse,
J. Clay,
Thomas Lee,
J. T. Murray,
W. S. Hammond,
H. C. Cushing,

S. T. Graham,
J. T. Lassell,
S. T. Ferguson,
J. M. Holmes,
J. E. Read,
A. T. Melvin,
A. W. Mather,
H. E. Miskimon,
J. E. Darby,

J. B. Butler,
J. G. Sullivan,
S. G. Valliant,
Walter R. Graham,
A. D. Melvin,
S. B. Tredway,
Thos. O. Crouse,
J. M. Yingling=92.

PROBATIONERS.

D. N. Gilbert,
W. J. D. Lucas,
Henry C. Stern,
Philip T. Hall,

G. F. Farring,
F. H. Mullineaux,
George Q. Bacchus,
W. W. White,

Joseph A. Weigand,
A. J. Walter,
Robert T. Smith,
J. M. Sheridan=12.

DELEGATES.

C. W. Payne,
W. H. J. Richards,
T. H. Hubbard,
J. S. Shaw,
E. Willhide,
L. Mason,
W. J. Huster.
G. H. Erdman,
J. A. Still,
R. Hammond,
W. Dale,
S. B. D. Jones,
J. S. Topham,
W. H. Abrahams,
J. Zeigler,
G. W. Parks,
R. Nicholson,
G. W. Thompson,
A. Donelson,
E. L. Williams,
J. W. Clark,
A. C. Berryman,

J. D. Grant,
L. W. Robinson,
W. E. Bell,
L. A. J. Lamotte,
J. Bowen,
R. R. B. Ferguson,
W. Slaughter,
James Bond,
M. L. Lantz,
W. Gorsuch,
W. Arnold,
J. Macomer,
G. H. Brown,
G. W. Taylor,
S. S. Tracy,
W. E. Outcault,
W. Boyer,
J. H. Smith,
P. Wilmer,
R. M. Price,
S. S. Ewell,
J. M. Williams,

G. A. Wicks,
G. W. Bishop,
D. Baker,
H. Swope,
W. Anderson,
I. Crowther,
R. Rools,
S. H. Green,
S. Gaither,
J. P. Childs,
J. Holscomb,
J. W. Baker,
J. Cary,
H. F. Zollickoffer,
J. S. Frazier,
T. Hendrix,
I. Sterling,
J. K. Aldridge,
C. W. Button,
W. K. White,
J. Stevenson.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we strike out from our Rules of Order, Rule 4th, Item II. :—
“Executive Committee, 3 Ministers and 3 Laymen.”

The hour for the Annual Sermon, (which was preached by Rev. F. Swentzel), having arrived, Conference adjourned to meet at 2.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by J. M. Elderdice.

The President read his Official Report, which was referred to the following Committee: T. D. Valiant, P. Wilmer, J. S. Topham.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—John R. Nichols, A. D. Dick, Wm. Gorsuch.

FINANCE.—D. W. Bates, W. T. Dumm, A. W. Mather, George H. Brown, Wm. Bell.

OFFICIAL CHARACTER AND OFFICIAL REPORTS.—T. D. Valiant, James K. Nichols, H. F. Zollickoffer.

STATISTICS—F. T. Tagg.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—R. S. Rowe.

COLLECTION FOR MINUTES.—W. J. Neepier, J. S. Frazier.

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.—L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, J. T. Lassell, of the Faculty of Instruction.

BOUNDARIES.—Wm. Dale, A. Donelson, L. A. J. Lamotte, J. Mason, James Stevenson, Robt. Nicholson, W. J. Huster.

MISSIONS.—D. A. Shermer, R. S. Rowe, F. Swentzel, Wm. Arnold, Daniel Baker.

LITERATURE.—John Roberts, Wm. S. Hammond, J. T. Murray, C. W. Button, James S. Shaw.

SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.—R. Scott Norris, B. F. Benson, James Elderdice, Rezin Hammond, S. H. Green.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. L. Mills, J. B. Jones, S. A. Hoblitzell, E. L. Williams, James B. Stitt.

TEMPERANCE.—J. T. Ward, S. T. Graham, C. T. Cochel, R. B. Ferguson, W. K. White.

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND VISITATIONS.—A. S. Eversole, A. T. Melvin, D. L. Greenfield, Geo. W. Taylor, Geo. W. Bishop.

BIBLE CAUSE—James Thompson, W. M. Strayer, J. E. T. Ewell, Wm. Ross, J. H. Leonard.

PULPIT SERVICES.—S. B. Southerland, L. W. Bates, F. Swentzel.

The following resolution was, on motion of H. C. Cushing, adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., be requested, as President of Western Maryland College, to give to this Conference, annually, an official report of its condition and prospects.

A paper from the Board of Trustees of the College was referred to the following Committee: L. W. Bates, J. J. Murray, E. R. McGregor, M. L. Lantz, J. S. Topham.

Conference proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result: For President—David Wilson. For Standing District Committee—L. W. Bates, J. R. Nichols, A. H. Greenfield, H. F. Zollickoffer, J. G. Clarke, P. Wilmer.

Adjourned with prayer by J. T. Murray.

THURSDAY, *March 11th*, 1875.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by A. S. Eversole.

A communication was received from the trustees of Union Church, Pocomoke Circuit, which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries. A paper from Bel Air Circuit was referred to the same Committee.

Letters were received from J. L. Killgore, J. E. Darby and W. C. Lipscomb; the first-named was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants, the last-named to the President, and the request of J. E. Darby to be transferred to the Illinois and Des Moines Conference was granted.

A communication from the Maryland State Temperance Alliance was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The report of the Book Directory was read and referred to the Committee on Literature.

It was, on motion, resolved that a majority vote be required to elect the Committee on Appeals; Conference proceeded to the election of said Committee with the following result: L. W. Bates, J. J. Murray, D. A. Shermer, H. F. Zollickoffer, P. Wilmer.

R. S. Rowe was elected Conference Steward, J. T. Lassell Missionary Steward, and J. E. Maloy Steward of the Superannuated Fund.

B. F. Benson was elected Secretary of the Conference; J. D. Kinzer and F. T. Tagg Assistant Secretaries.

The second Wednesday in March, 1876, was selected as the time for holding the next session of the Conference.

Adjourned for the meeting of the Missionary Society, which was organized by the President, J. T. Murray, taking the chair, and calling A. T. Mather as Secretary pro tem. A. D. Melvin was appointed to collect the annual dues from the members.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result :

President—S. B. Southerland.

Vice-Presidents—R. S. Norris, F. Swentzel.

Board of Managers—E. J. Drinkhouse, R. S. Rowe, D. L. Greenfield, H. P. Jordan, H. F. Zollickoffer, J. G. Clarke, C. H. Richardson, J. E. A. Cunningham.

Secretarg—S. A. Hoblitzell.

Treasurer—R. S. Rowe.

The report of R. S. Rowe, Treasurer for the past year, was read and adopted, when, on motion, the Society adjourned to meet in anniversary exercises on Friday evening at 7.30 P. M.

FRIDAY, *March 12th*, 1875.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by J. R. Nichols.

R. S. Rowe, appointed at the last Conference to receive a legacy bequeathed to the Conference by the late lamented sister Hannah Horne, reported as follows :

Amount of bequest.....	\$300 00
To collateral tax.....	\$4 50
To preparing and recording Release.....	3 00
To copy of the Will.....	5 00
To acknowledgment of release.....	30—
	12 80

Leaving a balance of.....\$287 20

which was paid to Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund Society. The report was adopted.

D. W. Bates, Chairman of the Committee on the division of the District, reported the following, which was adopted :

Your Committee to whom was referred, at the last session of our Conference, a paper proposing a division of the District, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered said paper and the reasons for said division, and that, in their judgment, the time has not yet arrived for said division.

The report of the Committee appointed by the last Conference to visit the family of the late Bro. John Elderdice and tender them the sympathies of the Conference, was received and referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

L. W. Bates, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Conference Manual and Church Property, asked further time for the discharge of the duties assigned them. The request was granted.

The roll of Ministerial Members was called to ascertain what relation they desired the ensuing year, when the cases of D. E. Reese, J. W. Everist, A. S. Eversole, H. J. Day, T. M. Bryan and D. F. Ewell were referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

E. J. Drinkhouse was assigned to the Quarterly Conference of West Baltimore Station. The relations of A. Webster, W. C. Lipscomb, T. McCormick and A. Richards were continued.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three Ministers and two Laymen be appointed to consider all applications for Ministerial supply outside of the Maryland District.

D. W. BATES,
JOHN ROBERTS.

The following were appointed said Committee: H. C. Cushing, J. M. Holmes, J. E. Read, S. M. Anderson and S. P. D. Jones.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to estimate the expenses of the representatives to the last General Conference, and assess the amount upon the Churches of the District.

J. T. MURRAY,
S. B. SOUTHERLAND.

ASSESSMENTS FOR DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

E. Baltimore.....	\$4 00	Chesapeake.....	\$2 00	1st Church, Wash-	
S. Baltimore.....	2 00	Concord.....	2 00	ington,	\$2 50
Washington St....	2 25	Dorchester	3 00	Newark, N. J.....	4 00
Georgetown.....	6 00	Frederick.....	3 50	Potomac	- 75
Lexington St.....	2 00	Liberty.....	3 50	Prince William....	- 50
Newtown.....	3 25	Leipsic.....	2 50	Accomac.....	1 25
Cumberland	- 50	Union.....	2 50	St. Michael's.....	1 50
Westminster.....	4 00	Milton.....	2 00	Sussex.....	1 00
Easton.....	3 00	Pipe Creek.....	4 00	Salisbury.....	1 25
Lynchburg.....	2 00	Pocomoke	2 00	Wicomico.....	1 50
Eutaw.....	1 00	Somerset	2 25	Harper's Ferry....	1 50
Laurel.....	2 25	Stewartstown	2 20	Ellicott City.....	1 25
Anne Arundel.....	5 00	Susquehanna.....	2 50	Centreville.....	2 00
Bel Air.....	2 50	Seaford.....	1 25	Frederick City.....	1 25
Deer Creek.....	1 25	Talbot.....	1 75	Peach Bottom	1 50
Baltimore	3 00	Warwick.....	2 50	Williamsport and	
Finksburg.....	2 50	Queen Anne's.....	2 00	Berkeley.	1 50
Jeff. and Lewistown	3 00	Crumpton	1 00	Kent Island.....	1 50
Bedford.....	3 25	Snow Hill.....	2 00	North Carolina Av.	2 00
Howard.....	3 50	Whaleyville	3 00	Hampden.....	1 25
Caroline.....	2 25	Alexandria.	2 00		
Cambridge	1 40	Broadway.....	2 25		
Cecil.....	2 50	Choptank	2 25		
					\$146 64

CLAIMANTS.

Rev. D. A. Shermer, M. D.....	\$12 00	Chas. Billingslea.....	\$12 00
Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D....	10 00	O. H. Hammond.....	12 00
Rev. J. W. Charlton.....	15 00	Pere Wilmer.....	12 00
Rev. D. W. Bates.....	18 00	S. S. Ewell.....	15 00
Rev. W. M. Strayer.....	16 00	J. W. Thompson.....	15 00

\$137 00

The following have relinquished their claims:

Dr. J. J. Murray, Rev. Wm. S. Hammond, A. Donelson,
 Rev. David Wilson, W. B. Usilton, W. J. C. Dulany,
 Rev. Dr. S. B. Southerland's expenses were paid by Starr Church. Rev. Dr.
 L. W. Bates' and Rev. T. D. Valiant's expenses were paid by Dr. H. F. Zollick-
 offer.

The following Churches were exempt from assessment: West Baltimore, Starr Church, Kent, 9th Street Washington, All Saints'.

Your Committee would recommend that the Superintendents of the different charges collect the above amounts and pay them to the Conference Steward, who shall pay the same to the claimants.

D. W. BATES;
Chairman

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Church Property be, and they are hereby, requested—

1st. To furnish a report of a plan by which all property hereafter acquired shall be made secure to the Methodist Protestant Church;

2d. Report the most practicable plan by which property held under old deeds made to individuals, may be made the property of the Methodist Protestant Church.

JOHN ROBERTS,
 S. B. SOUTHERLAND.

On motion of R. S. Rowe, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of three on the report of the trustee of the Phœbean Society. J. T. Murray, D. A. Shermer and G. W. Taylor were appointed said Committee.

Revs. Dr. S. K. Cox and W. K. Boyle, Fraternal Messengers from the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South, were introduced and addressed the Conference in terms of warm fraternity, and were responded to in like manner by the President.

Adjourned for the meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society, which was organized with J. T. Murray, Vice-President, in the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *Vice-Presidents*—E. J. Drinkhouse, J. T. Murray. *Secretary*—George W. Taylor. *Corresponding Secretary*—A. W. Mather. *Board of Managers*—L. W. Bates, D. A. Shermer, R. S. Rowe, D. L. Greenfield, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. H. Griffith, J. G. Clarke, G. W. Taylor.

On motion of L. W. Bates, the Fifth Article of the Constitution was so amended as to strike out the words "itinerant" and "unstationed." It was also adopted to insert, in Article Ten of the Constitution, "five" instead of "three."

W. R. Graham was appointed to collect the annual dues, after which, adjourned to meet Monday afternoon.

FRIDAY EVENING, *March 12th*, 1875.

The Missionary Society met in Anniversary exercises at 7.30 P. M. Devotional exercises conducted by J. B. Jones.

S. B. Southerland, President of the Society, in the chair.

Appropriate addresses were delivered by J. M. Holmes and J. R. Nichols, after which collections were made and contributions secured amounting to \$257 27.

SATURDAY, *March 13th*, 1875.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by W. M. Strayer.

The report of the Faculty of Instruction, L. W. Bates, President, was received and considered by items, when the following brethren were elected to Elders' Order: F. T. Little, R. L. Lewis, J. B. Butler, S. G. Sullivan, W. R. Graham, A. D. Melvin, S. B. Tredway, T. O. Crouse, H. T. Gernhardt and G. F. Kindley.

The report of the Committee on the report of the Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College was taken up and, after amendment, adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE W. MD. COLLEGE.

Your Committee have examined the Report of the Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College, referred to them, and their attention has been especially attracted to a few items of significant importance contained in it.

The Report, as a whole, is a comprehensive and admirable exhibit of the College in all its relations—condition, prosperity and needs.

2. The Board of Trustees claim that they hold the Institution, with all its interests, in trust for the Methodist Protestant Church. This is emphasized as a fact. Here, then, is an institution of learning in full operation, with a competent corps of teachers; its course of study of a high grade, with one hundred and thirteen students enrolled for the year; its buildings commodious and eligibly located; under the control of the Methodist Protestant Church, where her sons and daughters may be thoroughly educated in every branch of science, theoretical and practical, that is adapted to fit them for usefulness in every department of the human economy; where, also, her future ministers may be prepared to take rank in learning, piety, and influence with their co-laborers in any other denomination. A providential hand has dropped this inestimable blessing into the Methodist Protestant lap to be fostered for the promotion of the great cause that lies nearest her heart.

3. They, the Board, show that the property alone is worth, in round numbers, \$34,000, an investment the dividends of which lie at the foundation of our glory as a Church, and perpetuity as a denomination. Our present material interest in the concern, as a Church, is about \$16,000. Its liabilities, \$18,000.

Is it for our interest to pay this debt? By paying \$18,000 we save \$16,000, and then have in possession \$34,000.

Here is a case that seldom happens; that by paying a debt the whole amount paid is returned to us. That is the Providential aspect of this case.

4. The plan for raising the amount of this indebtedness of \$18,000 as suggested by the Board of Trustees, is endorsed by your Committee, and is as follows:— This Conference shall apportion that amount, in the form of assessments, among the Stations, Circuits, and Missions pro rata, on the basis of the President's salary, payable in five annual installments. The President's salary is \$2,000. The debt is \$18,000. The annual assessment will be \$3,600. For instance, the Station that is assessed by the Finance Committee \$50, will be assessed for the debt per annum for three years, \$90.

5. But your Committee do not recommend laying a burden on our people without an equivalent in return. While the apportionment here recommended is made by authority of the Annual Conference and creates a firm obligation on the charges, it is also recommended that the College Trustees shall secure each charge in the amount assessed, and thereby create in its right a preferred lien on the College property in the following manner: As the amount of the respective assessments shall be paid, the said trustees shall issue their bond for the same to the Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Baltimore City.

6. It is also recommended by your Committee, in furtherance of this plan, that the Annual Conference do enjoin upon each Superintendent the duty of securing the amount apportioned to his particular charge, and also make a conscientious discharge of this duty a condition to passing his character.

ASSESSMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

Ratio—9-5 of President's Salary.

AMOUNT.		AMOUNT.	
West Baltimore.....	80.....\$144 00	Pocomoke	25..... \$45 00
East Baltimore.....	50..... 90 00	Pipe Creek.....	40..... 72 00
South Baltimore.....	25..... 45 00	Somerset	30..... 54 00
Washington St.....	30..... 54 00	Stewartstown	30..... 54 00
Starr	60..... 108 00	Susquehanna.....	35..... 63 00
Georgetown.....	80..... 144 00	Seaford	15..... 27 00
Lexington	40..... 72 00	Talbot.....	25..... 45 00
Cumberland.....	5..... 9 00	Warwick.....	35..... 63 00
Newtown.....	45..... 81 00	Queen Anne's.....	25..... 45 00
Westminster.....	50..... 90 00	Crumpton	15..... 27 00
Easton.....	40..... 72 00	Snowhill	25..... 45 00
Lynchburg.....	25..... 45 00	Whaleyville.....	40..... 72 00
Eutaw.....	10..... 18 00	Alexandria.....	35..... 63 00
Laurel.....	30..... 54 00	Broadway.....	30..... 54 00
Anne Arundel.....	70..... 126 00	Choptank.....	30..... 54 00
Bel Air.....	35..... 63 00	1st M.P. Church, W'sh C'y.....	35..... 63 00
Deer Creek.....	25..... 45 00	Ninth Street, Wash. City.....	35..... 63 00
Baltimore.....	40..... 72 00	Newark.....	55..... 99 00
Finksburg.....	35..... 63 00	Potomac.....	10..... 18 00
Jefferson and Lewis- town Mission, }	40..... 72 00	Prince William.....	5..... 9 00
Bedford.....	45..... 81 00	Accomac.....	15..... 27 00
Howard	50..... 90 00	St. Michael's.....	20..... 36 00
Caroline.....	45..... 81 00	Sussex.....	10..... 18 00
Cambridge.....	20..... 36 00	Salisbury	18..... 32 00
Cecil.....	35..... 63 00	Wicomico.....	18..... 32 00
Chesapeake.....	25..... 45 00	Harper's Ferry.....	20..... 36 00
Concord.....	25..... 45 00	Ellicott City.....	15..... 27 00
Dorchester.....	40..... 72 00	Centreville.....	25..... 45 00
Frederick.....	50..... 90 00	Frederick City.....	15..... 27 00
Liberty.....	60..... 108 00	Peach Bottom.....	20..... 36 00
Leipsic	35..... 63 00	Williamsport & Berkeley.....	20..... 36 00
Kent.....	80..... 144 00	Kent Island.....	20..... 36 00
Union.....	25..... 45 00	All Saints'.....	15..... 27 00
Milton	20..... 36 00	N. Carol'a Av., Wash. City.....	15..... 27 00
		Hampden.....	15..... 27 00

2,201 \$3,972 00

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

E. R. MCGREGOR, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, *March 15th*, 1875.

The Conference opened with religious exercises, conducted by S. A. Hoblitzell.

The Report of the Committee on Boundaries was amended and adopted as follows:

- 1st. That Crumpton Circuit be changed to a Mission.
- 2d. That Potomac Mission be divided, setting off Gum Spring, Oak Grove, and St. John's Appointments, and be constituted a new charge, to be called Prince William Mission.
- 3d. That Deer Creek and Mt. Tabor Appointments, now belonging to Bel Air Circuit, be set off and constituted a separate charge, to be called Deer Creek Circuit.
- 4th. That Norrisville Appointment, on Stewartstown Circuit, be transferred to Peach Bottom Mission.
- 5th. That Galena Appointment be added to Warwick Circuit.
- 6th. Recommended that the case of Union Appointment, of Pocomoke Circuit, be referred to the Quarterly Conference of Pocomoke Circuit and Salisbury Mission.

W. DALE, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Superintendents' Reports and Official Character was read and the character of all the Ministers was passed.

L. W. Bates, Chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy, recommended for reception P. T. Hall, W. W. White, C. S. Arnett, J. M. Sheridan; all of whom were, on motion, received into the itinerancy.

A second report of the Committee on Boundaries was read and adopted, as follows:

- 1st. Recommended that a Committee of five, composed of three ex-pastors and two Laymen, be appointed to arrange and adjust the parsonage property interest between Bel Air and Deer Creek Circuits, one of the Laymen to be chosen from each Circuit. *Committee*—D. A. Shermer, J. R. Nichols, J. Roberts, J. K. Rogers and J. H. Barrow.

- 2d. Recommended that Broadway Station be constituted a Mission.

WM. DALE, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was read at 12.45, and laid on the table for 24 hours.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer be, and he is hereby appointed the agent of this Conference, to whom all moneys collected on the debt of Western Maryland College shall be paid, and that he be directed to pay over said moneys to the trustees of said College upon the transfer to "The Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, of Baltimore City," of the liens by which said debt is secured, and not otherwise.

Resolved, That we now re-elect H. F. Zollickoffer, L. J. Cox, Dr. J. W. Herring, D. W. Bates and E. J. Drinkhouse as the Directors of "The Maryland Educational Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, of Baltimore City."

The report of the Committee to whom the communication from H. T. Gernhardt, trustee of the property given in trust by the Phoebean Society, was received and adopted, as follows :

1st. That the sum of twenty-five dollars, collected on account of general rent, be placed in the hands of the President for distribution among such Ministers as have come to Conference deficient in their salaries.

2d. That the trustee take legal counsel with reference to the sale of the property and the transfer of the proceeds to the Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference.

3d. That if it is found that such sale of the property and direction of the proceeds can be legally made, then the trustee be requested to have such transfer made as soon as practicable.

Signed by order of the Committee.

J. T. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer presented a paper on the Presidential Parsonage, which was referred without reading to the Committee on Finance.

Conference took a recess to give place to a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society, which was organized with T. D. Valiant in the Chair, and T. O. Crouse Secretary pro tem.

H. F. Zollickoffer, Treasurer, presented his report, which was adopted.

The following Article, which was offered by H. C. Cushing at the last annual session and laid over for one year, was taken up and adopted :

Any minister of the Maryland Annual Conference having served the Church in the itinerancy for twenty-five years, shall, with the consent of the Conference, if he so desire, have the right to retire from the active work, without detriment to his claims or those of his family on the Superannuated Fund Society, whenever his condition and circumstances, or those of his family, under the present rules of the Conference, would grant a superannuated relation.

Society adjourned to meet at 7.30 P. M., in Anniversary.

Society met pursuant to adjournment at 7.30 P. M., E. J. Drinkhouse, Vice-President, in the chair. Religious exercises conducted by J. M. Elderdice.

Anniversary addresses were delivered by J. E. Read and J. R. Nichols, after which subscriptions and collections were made aggregating \$313.44.

TUESDAY, *March 16th*, 1875.

The Conference opened with religious services, conducted by J. B. Jones.

The roll was called, when, on motion, Hermon Pyles was recognized as delegate from Deer Creek Circuit.

The list of Standing Committees were called, when J. L. Mills, Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, laid the report of that Committee on the table.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken up and considered by items; the preamble and first item were adopted, and after a protracted discussion, the report was recommitted.

The Conference granted the Chairman of the Committee on Missions permission to make a partial report.

J. W. Charlton moved that we now proceed to collect \$1,314, the amount required to pay the appropriations of last year. After a lengthy discussion, the previous question was called and the original motion was adopted.

On motion, the list of Stations, Circuits and Missions was called to ascertain the amount of deficiencies and what amount thereof would be pledged by the first of May, when \$247.35 were assumed by the charges.

An appeal was then made to the audience by D. A. Shermer, and \$359 were contributed—in all, \$606.65, leaving still a deficiency of \$706.95.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, it was resolved that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 7½ P. M. The hour for adjournment arrived and the Conference stood adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with religious services by J. Roberts.

The Conference Steward submitted his report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARD.

CHARGES.	<i>Salary of Superintendent</i>	<i>Salary of Assistant.</i>	<i>Amount Paid.</i>	<i>Received from other sources.</i>	<i>Deficiency.</i>
East Baltimore.....	no report.	\$.....	\$.....	.....	\$.....
West Baltimore.....	\$1,400 00	.....	1,400 00	.....	.....
South Baltimore.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	.....	.....
Washington Street.....	900 00	.....	900 00	.....	.....
Starr Church.....	1,500 00	.....	1,500 00	.....	.....
Lexington Street.....	1,300 00	.....	1,300 00	.....	.....
Broadway.....	no report.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown, D. C.....	1,650 00	550 00	2,200 00	.....	.....
Westminster.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	no report.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel, Del.....	732 00	.....	586 00	.....	146 00
Easton.....	800 00	.....	800 00	.....	.....
First Church, Washington...	1,200 00	.....	1,200 00	.....	.....
Centreville.....	700 00	.....	700 00	.....	.....
Lynchburg, Va.....	1,050 00	.....	1,050 00	.....	.....
Norfolk, Va.....	600 00	.....	375 00	.....	225 00
Montgomery, Ala.....	1,200 00	.....	1,200 00	.....	.....
Eutaw Station.....	500 00	.....	500 00	.....	.....
Anne Arundel.....	800 00	200 00	925 00	.....	75 00
Bel Air.....	800 00	200 00	611 44	.....	388 56
Baltimore.....	†281 76	200 00	481 76	.....	.....
Bedford.....	600 00	200 00	800 00	.....	.....
Caroline.....	600 00	.....	500 00	.....	100 00
Cambridge.....	no report.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cecil.....	700 00	200 00	761 62	.....	138 38
Chesapeake.....	480 00	.....	481 00	.....	.....
Concord.....	475 00	.....	475 00	.....	.....
Crumpton.....	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	.....
Dorchester.....	725 00	200 00	866 00	.....	59 00
Frederick.....	700 00	200 00	857 00	.....	43 00
Finksburg.....	550 00	200 00	692 90	.....	57 10
Howard.....	600 00	200 00	800 00	.....	.....
Heathsville, Va.....	400 00	.....	400 00	.....	.....
Jefferson, Frederick City and Lewistown.....	900 00	200 00	732 67	.....	367 33
Kent.....	1,000 00	200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....
Leipsic.....	500 00	.....	315 00	.....	185 00
Liberty.....	600 00	.....	600 00	.....	.....
Milton.....	500 00	.....	477 91	.....	22 09
Newtown.....	800 00	.....	680 00	.....	120 00

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT—*Continued.*

CHARGES.	Salary of Superintendent	Salary of As- sistant.	Amount Paid.	Received from other sources.	Deficiency.
Pipe Creek.....	\$800 00	\$.....	\$800 00	\$.....	\$.....
Pocomoke... ..	225 00	.....	218 00	.....	7 00
Queen Anne's.....	300 00	.....	300 00	.....	.....
Somerset.....	800 00	.....	637 67	.....	162 33
Stewartstown.....	700 00	200 00	710 00	.....	190 00
Susquehanna	700 00	.....	700 00	.....	.....
Seaford.....	600 00	.....	500 00	.....	100 00
Snow Hill.....	425 00	.....	430 00	.....	.....
Talbot... ..	600 00	.....	600 00	.....	.....
Union.....	600 00	.....	525 00	.....	75 00
Warwick	700 00	.....	600 00	.....	100 00
Whaleyville.....	600 00	200 00	800 00	.....	.....
Wicomico.	350 00	.....	350 00	.....	.....
Alexandria	300 00	.....	300 00	*400 00	.....
Accomac.....	400 00	100 00	377 00	*100 00	23 00
All Saints'... ..	no report.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Choptank.....	500 00	.....	280 00	.....	220 00
Ellicott City.....	400 00	.....	390 00	*500 00	10 00
Harper's Ferry.....	375 00	.....	320 00	*150 00	55 00
Hampden and White Ground	400 00	.....	321 92	*400 00	78 08
Kent Island.....	500 00	.....	323 67	*300 00	176 33
Ninth St., Washington.....	750 00	.....	750 00	.....	.....
Newark.. ..	1,400 00	.....	1,400 00	.....	.....
North Carolina Avenue, Wash- ington.....	400 00	.....	330 00	*600 00	70 00
Potomac.....	300 00	.....	246 29	*300 00	53 71
Peach Bottom.....	600 00	.....	568 00	.....	32 00
St. Michael's.....	350 00	.....	350 00	*300 00	.....
Sussex.....	310 00	.....	250 00	*200 00	60 00
Salisbury.....	450 00	.....	450 00	*250 00	.....
Williamsport and Berkeley... ..	no report.	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Missionary Appropriation.

†For one-third of the Year.

Collection at Starr Church, Sabbath March 14th.....\$15 00

In my hands as reported to last Conference.....15 00

30 00

By cash paid W. J. C. Dulany for ten Bibles for the Elders ordained at
this session.....15 00

Balance in hands of Conference Steward.....\$15 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. ROWE,

Conference Steward.

The Committee on the President's Report submitted the following, which was considered by items and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the President's Report, have given it a most careful—we might say, prayerful consideration.

On the very threshold of the report, after paying a suitable tribute to the memory of one who has passed from labor to reward, the President has given us the particulars of a case which has been productive of much diversity of opinion and feeling. Your Committee cannot too highly approve the candid, impartial and truly Christian manner in which he has detailed the particulars and submitted the case to the judgment of the Conference.

It is a source of the keenest regret to your Committee (in which most surely the Conference participates) that the brethren at East Baltimore should have felt themselves impelled to pursue the course they have. Of unimpeached and unimpeachable loyalty to the principles of the Methodist Protestant Church; with a past history of devotion to its ministers that may well be envied by any congregation in our bounds; with a record on the minutes of every Annual Conference, from the organization of the Church to this unfortunate occurrence, that will compare favorably with any sister church, we reiterate our regrets, and more especially that it should have occurred with one, whom his brethren had honored by electing him to the highest position in their gift, and upon whom the evidences of age are fast accumulating, and that strength which has been freely spent in your service, giving place to the feebleness of advanced life. All these things your Committee have most carefully considered, (not forgetting the fact of the violations of the law and the disregard of executive authority). But inasmuch as the right of appeal on the part of a Circuit or Station has been freely discussed and has many friends, (having been presented for the action of the last General Conference, and its consideration waived for want of jurisdiction); and inasmuch as East Baltimore declined all ministerial supply, save that of a Methodist Protestant; and inasmuch as she has her representative here and asks and expects her supply at our hands, and has contributed of her means to all the charities of Conference, your Committee are clear in their convictions that nothing can be gained by harshness, but that we shall only be imitating the example of our blessed Master if we freely and entirely forgive whatever we may think amiss in her course, and extend the same cordial relations as of old.

The succeeding items of the report are the usual routine duties of the President, and met your approval as they were detailed to you.

We deeply regret the difficulties which occurred at the Broadway Station, and heartily endorsing the President's course, we recommend the following resolutions as expressing the sense of this Conference:

Resolved, That Rev. Joseph P. Wilson, by his own act of withdrawal on the 3d day of December, 1874, did then cease to be a member and Minister of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That each and every one of the former members of Broadway Station, Methodist Protestant Church, who voted for the resolutions of severance passed at a meeting held in that church on Monday night, December 14th, 1874, did by that act, then and there, cease to be members of the said Broadway Station, M. P. Church.

Resolved, That, as we confidently expect the remaining and adhering members of that Station to be shortly repossessed of their Church property, the President be requested to furnish a ministerial supply to Broadway Church as usual, in accordance with the application of the Delegate from that Church.

Our beloved President has traveled weary miles and dispensed the Word to many hearers; the results belong to God, who will suitably reward him for his faithful ministrations.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. VALIANT.

The Committee on Statistics submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

CHARGES.	No. of Members.	No. of Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Col'd Members	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Church Property.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.
East Baltimore	170	1	1	1	22	150	280	\$28,000	S. Reese Murray.
West Baltimore	193	4	0	1	1	1	.....	1	19	163	500	30,000
South Baltimore	126	19	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	34	150	900	21,000
Starr Church	222	4	1	1	1	30	210	455	43,000	W. B. Hawkins. Edward Gilligan. T. Remick, P. H. Sweet.
Lexington Street	178	6	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	24	240	300	15,000
Washington Street	216	18	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	24	200	390	16,000
Georgetown	308	2	2	2	1	2	45	305	1,125	45,000	Dr. C. Billingslea. J. T. Slaughter. Wm. E. Thompson.
Laurel	134	23	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	24	150	250	8,000
Westminster	207	13	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	23	155	550	18,400
Easton	118	1	1	1	1	1	25	150	200	15,000	G. W. Simpson, H. T. Gernhardt.
Centreville	100	12	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	15	100	350	1,500
Broadway	62	.....	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,000
First M. P. Church, Washington	175	20	1	1	2	38	300	500	17,000	G. H. Erdman. Josiah Clift.
Cumberland	50	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,000
Eutaw	59	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	10	70	180	3,000
Lynchburg	126	1	2	1	13	125	150	12,000	J. B. Mitchell, J. Cain. A. H. Greenfield. John Growden
Anne Arundel	272	22	.....	.....	6	1	.....	4	20	262	500	12,000
Baltimore	278	15	2	1	4	1	.....	6½	58	465	1,802	9,000
Bel Air	258	1	6	1	5	35	261	556	10,000	John Irwin.
Bedford	222	.....	1	.....	6	1	.....	5	35	140	700	13,000
Caroline	316	45	1	.....	4	1	.....	4	40	320	1,000	9,500
Cambridge	58	2	3,000	G. Moore, J. M. Jordan, N. Montgomery
Chesapeake	67	1	.....	2	2	1	.....	2	23	106	64	7,000
Cecil	375	35	1	2	7	1	.....	7	73	447	1,153	17,800
Concord	164	19	3	1	4,500	Wm. D. Sudler. C. Straughn. J. Day, J. F. Kindley, C. Pardum.
Crumpton	61	7	.....	1	2	.....	.....	2	12	118	700	2,300
Dorchester	400	50	.....	1	6	1	.....	6	47	220	425	10,000
Frederick	506	46	1	2	7	1	7	90	550	1,350	13,000	Horace L. Shipley.
Finksburg	338	5	.....	1	8	.....	.....	8	73	475	1,000	16,000
Howard	373	29	.....	1	10	1	.....	7	50	241	500	12,500
Jefferson and Frederick City	220	3	5	1	4	70	320	1,100	20,000	
Leipsic	125	16	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	3	20	160	500	4,800

Kent	272	35			3	1		3	58	397	254	\$12,500	
Liberty.....	208		1		4	1	1	2	30	175	1,200	9,000	Wm. H. Todd.
Milton.....	150	30			3			3	23	184	426	3,200	
Pipe Creek	248	21			3	1		3	39	227	1,111	13,500	
Pocomoke.....	175	3	1	1	5	1		3	16	85	400	4,500	Wm. Dale, J. H. McGrath.
Somerset.....	250			1	2			2	20	180	400	4,500	Dr. S. Robinson.
Stewartstown.....	280	49	1		4	1		6	61	355	1,250	9,800	J. M. Cathcart.
Susquehanna.....	155	5			3	1		3	35	190	600	9,500	
Seaford.....	100	15	1		3	1		2	23	125	175	8,700	J. E. Nicholson.
Talbot.....	104	17			3	1		2	25	90	250	7,500	
Union.....	250				5	1		5	30	240	1,000	6,000	
Warwick.....	200				3	1		2	15	70	500	9,200	
Queen Anne's.....	122	10			2			2	25	100	400	3,000	
Snow Hill.....	160	5		1	5			3	20	100	350	4,000	James Holdskom.
Newtown.....	200	8			2	1		2	27	124	450	6,000	
Whaleyville	225	25	1		7	1		7	46	175	700	7,000	Robert Powell.
Wicomico.....	210	15		1	5			5		200	150	6,000	
Alexandria.....	110			1	1	1		1	20	90	320	12,000	W. N. Herbert.
Accomac.....	270	3	1		5			5	45	250	450	5,000	Parker Bowden.
Choptank.....	146	48			3			4	50	190	950	6,500	
Ninth Street, Washington.....	121	1	1		1	1		1	15	100	935	38,000	N. Lemon.
Potomac.....	80	50		3	3½	1		3	30	100	824	4,250	
Newark.....	172		1	1	1	1		1	38	210	700	40,000	Luke Morris, Daniel Smith.
St. Michael's.....	86	5	1	1	2	1		2	10	50	700	4,000	W. M. Poisal, Dr. J. H. Robinson.
Sussex.....	80				2			4	20	200	400	2,000	
Harper's Ferry.....	135	5			2	1		1	19	122	1,409	6,000	
Patapsco.....	80	50		3	3½	1		3	30	100	824	4,250	
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	89				4							9,000	
Kent Island.....	112	6		1	2			2	8	90	200	7,000	
Peach Bottom.....	229	2	1		3	1		3	23	180	300	7,750	
Salisbury.....	108	16	1	1	2	1		2	15	90	418	8,700	
North Carolina Av., Washington.....	50	9	1		1	1		1	15	80		12,000	O. Cox.
Hampden and White Ground.....	213	46		3	2			2	25	196	520	13,165	
All Saints.....	14				1						180	3,500	
Ellicott City.....	73	9	1		1			1	7	75			Thomas Edwards.
Charleston, S. C.....						280							Francis Brown, resident Pastor.
Grand totals, March 1st, 1875....	11,938	903	26	35	201½	45	282	178½	1,841	11,668	37,906	\$794,315	

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. T. TAGG,

Chairman.

WEDNESDAY, *March 17th*, 1875.

Conference opened with religious services, conducted by A. D. Dick.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Literature was taken up and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The report of the Book Directory, covering the period of eight months up to the first of March, presents quite a gratifying exhibit. The Directory has fully carried out the directions of the late Convention. The report shows the paper to have been self-sustaining for that period, notwithstanding its enlargement and the employment of a paid editor. The subscription list has been considerably enlarged, but not to that extent which is both necessary and possible. To make the paper remunerative, the list should reach at least five thousand. This limit, your Committee think, with proper effort, might be reached before the close of the present volume. But this result will depend largely upon the zeal of the members of the Church within this District, for, the local papers established within the bounds and under the patronage of other Conferences, must, in the nature of things, injuriously affect the circulation of the *Methodist Protestant* in those sections.

Under the efficient management of the editor, Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, the long established reputation of our Church organ is fully sustained, and the promise is given of its increasing value as a religious family journal.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That we as a Conference pledge ourselves to increased effort to extend the circulation of the *Methodist Protestant* during the present Conference year.

Resolved, That Rev. P. L. Wilson, Agent of the Western Maryland College, having consented to become travelling agent for the paper, it is hereby recommended to the Book Directory to employ him in that capacity.

By order of the Committee,

JOHN ROBERTS, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Supply outside the Maryland District was taken up and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Requests for Ministerial Supply from churches beyond the bounds of the Maryland District beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. We recommend that the request from the 1st Methodist Church, Pittsburg, be granted.

2d. That the request of the Chatsworth Independent Methodist Church for a ministerial supply from this Conference be granted, if, in the judgment of the President, it can be done without serious detriment to our own work.

3d. That Surry Mission, Va., having been detached from the Virginia District by action of the Annual Conference at its session in October last, be received into this Conference and supplied with a Minister, as requested.

4th. That Norfolk Station, having failed to secure its severance from the Virginia District, cannot be received into this Conference at this time, but we recommend that the Station be supplied with a Minister, and that it be placed upon the list of Stations in connection with this Conference, subject to the decision of the Virginia Conference at its next annual session.

5th. We recommend that Montgomery, Ala., and Heathsville Circuit, and Abingdon Station, Va., shall be supplied with Ministers, if, in the judgment of the President, the necessities of our own District will permit it.

H. C. CUSHING,
J. E. READ,
S. B. D. JONES.

The report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That Fraternal Messengers be appointed to the Pennsylvania Conference M. P. C., the friendly and Christian communications of whose President and Messengers, Revs. J. K. Helmbold, O. C. Payne, and Hugh C. McDermott, are cordially appreciated; and

Resolved, That the request of said Conference, made through its President and Messengers, viz: That the boundaries of the two Districts be so altered as that all that portion of the Md. District lying east of the Susquehanna river, in the State of Pennsylvania, exclusive of that part belonging to Cecil Circuit, be transferred to the Pennsylvania Conference, be acceded to.

2d. *Resolved*, That Messengers be appointed to convey to the North Carolina Conference our fraternal greetings.

We acknowledge communications from Revs. Dr. Harris, J. L. Micheaux and A. M. Lowe; reciprocate heartily their sentiments of Christian kindness, and regret their inability to be personally present.

3. *Resolved*, That we have received with pleasure fraternal letters from Revs. George Nestor, Benj. Sewart, E. J. Wilson, and M. L. Barnett, representatives of the W. Virginia Conference, and rejoice in the prosperity with which Providence has blessed their work, and that Messengers be appointed to bear to said Conference our greetings.

4. *Resolved*, That we are highly gratified with the greetings of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church South, so warmly and courteously conveyed to us in the addresses of Revs. Drs. Cox and Boyle; and, in order that these amenities, this good neighborhood and feeling that have prevailed between the respective bodies may be perpetuated, that two Fraternal Messengers be appointed to the next session of said Conference.

5th. That Fraternal Messengers be appointed to the Virginia Conference M. P. Church, and to the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Church.

A. S. EVERSOLE, *Chairman*.
D. L. GREENFIELD.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.

Your Committee desire to state that they recognize fully the delicate and difficult nature of their duties, and having given careful consideration to each case before them, would recommend the following appropriations:

Mrs. J. S. Reese.....	\$200 00	Mrs. D. Bowers.....	\$350 00
" L. A. Collins.....	200 00	" N. S. Greenaway.....	350 00
" Wm. T. Wright.....	200 00	" C. Eversole.....	450 00
" G. D. Hamilton.....	200 00	" J. Elderdice.....	700 00
" J. Varden.....	200 00	Rev. A. S. Eversole.....	200 00
" R. T. Boyd.....	200 00	" J. W. Everest.....	200 00
" Wm. Kesley.....	200 00	" T. M. Bryan.....	200 00
" F. G. Wright.....	200 00	" H. J. Day.....	400 00
" T. M. Wilson.....	200 00	" Thomas Lee.....	400 00
" J. F. Whiteside.....	250 00	" J. L. Killgore.....	500 00
" W. Roby.....	250 00	" D. F. Ewell.....	600 00

Rev. D. E. Reese, \$1,200.

one-half of which we recommend should date back one year; making a total of \$7,850,

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. S. NORRIS,
J. W. CHARLTON,
J. ELDERDICE,
R. HAMMOND,
S. H. GREEN.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would report as follows :

Resolved, 1st. That we consider the Sabbath School interest one of the most vital interests of the Church.

Resolved, 2d. That in order to bind the Church and Sabbath School more closely together, we recommend that in Stations the morning service of the 5th Sabbath in the month be appropriated to a Children's Sermon or Service; and in Circuits that one sermon annually, at least, be preached to the children at each appointment, and that at these services a collection be lifted for the S. School.

Resolved, 3d. That a Teachers' Meeting be held weekly wherever practicable.

Resolved, 4th. That we continue our Annual S. School Convention, with the request that the President of the Conference appoint a Committee to arrange a programme of said Convention. But we would respectfully suggest to that Committee the propriety of using a part of the evening for illustrating the practical work of S. Schools by having some one give an infant class lesson, and a black-board exercise for the benefit, especially, of persons who have not had the advantage of attending institutes.

Resolved, 5th. That we request the editor of the *Methodist Protestant* to give comments on the uniform lessons, either original or copied, in each issue of the paper.

Resolved, 6th. That while we recommend the use of the uniform lessons, we insist upon the use of our Catechisms in our families and S. Schools.

Resolved, 7th. Not being aware of the extent of the work performed by the Committee on S. School Institutes, we are unable to recommend any action for the future in that particular.

[Signed]

J. L. MILLS,
J. B. JONES,
S. A. HOBLITZELL.
E. L. WILLIAMS.

The Committee on Sunday School Institutes appointed at the last Conference reported inability to devise anything, and asked to be discharged. The request was granted.

The Committee on Finance made an additional report, as follows :

The Committee having examined the report of the agent of the President's Parsonage, find said report and vouchers correct, and recommend its adoption with the thanks of the Conference.

D. W. BATES, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Collection for Publication of the Minutes reported \$82.53, and was ordered to pay the same to the Committee on Publication.

The report of the Steward of the Superannuated Fund was read and adopted, as follows :

SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD'S REPORT.

E. Baltimore.....	\$25 00	Liberty.....	\$ 7 25
West Baltimore, *\$225	27 20	Milton.....	13 35
S. Baltimore, *\$10.....		Pipe Creek.....	15 00
Washington St.....	6 00	Pocomoke.....	5 75
Starr Church, *\$10.....		Somerset.....	6 45
Lexington St.	9 25	Stewartstown.....	15 40
Broadway		Susquehanna	8 25
Georgetown, *\$80	46 29	Seaford.....	2 25
Westminster.....	30 25	Talbot.....	10 50
Cumberland.....		Union.....	10 45
Laurel.....	7 40	Warwick, *\$10.....	16 00
Easton, *\$100.....		Queen Ann's.....	6 00
1st Church, Washington.....	19 60	Crumpton.....	2 20
Centreville	6 50	Snow Hill.....	5 00
Lynchburg.....	14 62	Newtown.....	3 50
Abingdon.....		Whaleyville.....	8 06
Norfolk.....	1 41	Wicomico.....	15 60
Montgomery.....	10 00	Heathsville.....	9 45
1st Meth. Church, Pittsburg,.....		Campbell.....	
Eutaw	10 00	Alexandria.....	6 50
Anne Arundel.....	10 00	Choptank.....	5 90
Bel Air.....	30 70	9th Street, Washington.....	10 00
Baltimore, *\$10.....	4 50	Potomac	15 00
Bedford.....	9 90	Accomac.....	7 66
Caroline.....	8 00	Newark	13 28
Cambridge		St. Michael's.....	10 00
Cecil.....	10 10	Sussex.....	2 00
Chesapeake.....	4 07	Harper's Ferry.....	3 25
Concord.....	18 95	Ellicott City, —.....	1 50
Dorchester, *\$10.....	3 00	Williamsport and Berkeley.....	
Frederick.....	15 00	Kent Island.....	2 00
Jefferson Circuit & Frederick Mis	3 00	Peach Bottom	9 81
Finksburg	12 35	Salisbury.....	5 50
Howard	3 00	North Carolina Av., Washington.	1 00
Leipsic.....	4 00	Hampden and White Ground.....	4 02
Kent, *\$100.....	56 00	All Saints'	

*For investment.

CLAIMANTS.

John Elderdice....	\$700.....	Paid \$548 80	Mrs J. F. Whiteside....	\$300....	Paid \$235 20
D. F. Ewell.....	600.....	" 470 40	" T. M. Wilson. ..	250... "	196 05
Thomas Lee.....	400.....	" 313 60	" F. G. Wright... ..	200... "	156 80
H. J. Day.....	400.....	" 313 60	" Wm. Kesley.. ...	200... "	156 80
J. L. Killgore.....	400.....	" 313 60	" R. T. Boyd.....	200... "	156 80
Thos. M. Bryan...	200.....	" 156 80	" Mrs. J. Varden..	200... "	156 80
J. W. Everist.....	200.....	" 156 80	" G. D. Hamilton..	200... "	156 80
A. S. Eversole.....	200.....	" 156 80	" W. T. Wright... ..	200... "	156 80
Mrs. C. Eversole.	450.....	" 352 85	" I. Webster*.....	200... "	156 80
" N. S. Greenaway	350	" 274 42	" L. A. Collins... ..	200... "	156 80
" D. Bowers....	350.....	" 274 42	" J. S. Reese.....	200... "	156 80
" Mrs. W. Roby	250.....	" 196 03			
Per cent., .748			Total claim.....	\$6,650	

*Amount distributed among other claimants.

Total amount from District for investment.....	\$555 00
“ “ “ “	\$ 663 97
In hands of Dr. Zollickoffer for distribution.....	4,460 96
Received from Secretary of Society.....	76 00
Basket collection.....	7 44
From Cecil Circuit.....	38
Total amount for distribution.....	\$5,208 75
Excess of report from Lynchburg.....	4 00
“ “ “ Stewartstown.....	1 00
Total for distribution.....	\$5,213 75

J. E. MALOY, *Steward*.

The Faculty of Instruction made an additional report, recommending Rev. J. E. Nicholson for Elders' Orders. Adopted.

Lynchburg was selected as the place of holding the next Annual Conference.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of one be appointed to ascertain as near as possible what are the best terms on which three thousand copies of the Minutes can be published.

W. T. DUMM.

The President appointed R. S. Rowe said Committee.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That no Minister shall be changed from a supernumerary or superannuated, to an effective relation, without a vote of the Conference.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
D. A. SHERMER.

On motion, the memorial from Pipe Creek was referred to the following Committee: J. J. Murray, W. M. Strayer, H. C. Cushing, A. Donelson, Wm. Arnold, C. W. Button and G. W. Taylor.

The Committee on Missions submitted their report, which was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Newark, N. J., Choptank, Peach Bottom and Ninth St., Washington, continued without an appropriation. Report adversely to the application from Crumpton. Frederick City referred to Jefferson Benevolent Society.

Appropriations.

Hampden and White Ground.....	\$200 00
North Carolina Avenue.....	500 00
Salisbury.....	150 00
Sussex.....	200 00
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	200 00
Potomac.....	200 00
Prince William.....	100 00
Ellicott City.....	300 00
St. Michael's.....	250 00
Accomac.....	100 00
Alexandria.....	400 00
Harper's Ferry.....	100 00
All Saints'.....	150 00
Kent Island.....	150 00
Broadway.....(To be paid to the Missionary, in whole or in part, as necessity may require, subject to the decision of the President of Conference and the Missionary in charge.).....	900 00
Broadway, (for recovery of property on above terms).....	200 00
	\$4,100 00

Assessments.

East Baltimore.....	\$126 00	Talbot.....	32 00
West Baltimore.....	263 00	Union.....	53 00
South Baltimore.....	32 00	Whaleyville.....	37 00
Washington St.....	42 00	Warwick.....	84 00
Broadway.....	126 00	Pocomoke.....	53 00
Lexington.....	80 00	Wicomico.....	21 00
Starr.....	158 00	Alexandria.....	42 00
Georgetown supports a Missi'n.....	—	Ninth Street, Wash. City.....	53 00
1st M. P. Church, W'sh C'y.....	80 00	St. Michael's.....	42 00
Westminster.....	120 90	Williamsport & Berkeley,.....	32 00
Laurel.....	42 00	Potomac.....	27 00
Easton.....	80 00	Prince William.....	11 00
Centreville.....	63 00	Salisbury.....	42 00
Anne Arundel.....	132 00	Ellicott City.....	21 00
Baltimore.....	63 00	Harper's Ferry.....	27 00
Bel Air.....	137 00	Choptank.....	27 00
Bedford.....	75 00	Sussex.....	32 00
Caroline.....	53 00	Newark.....	84 00
Cecil.....	63 00	Accomac.....	32 00
Chesapeake.....	35 00	Kent Island.....	21 00
Concord.....	27 00	Peach Bottom.....	32 00
Dorchester.....	63 00	Frederick City.....	32 00
Frederick.....	65 00	Lynchburg.....	53 00
Finksburg.....	53 00	Norfolk, Va.....	11 00
Howard.....	80 00	Heathsville, Va.....	27 00
Jefferson.....	75 00	Montgomery, Ala.....	53 00
Leipsic.....	63 00	Hampden and White Ground.....	32 00
Kent.....	252 00	N. Carolina Av., Wash. City.....	32 00
Liberty.....	63 00	All Saints'.....	11 00
Milton.....	21 00	Eutaw.....	21 00
Somerset.....	84 00	Crumpton.....	16 00
Stewartstown.....	63 00	Deer Creek.....	22 00
Newtown.....	84 00	Surry, Va.....	27 00
Pipe Creek.....	105 00	1st Church, Pittsburg.....	105 00
Queen Anne's.....	53 00	Chatsworth.....	63 00
Snowhill.....	21 00		
Seaford.....	48 00		
Susquehanna.....	75 00		
			\$4,365 00

SUMMARY.

Appropriations.....	\$4,100 00	
Deficiency of last year.....	200 00	
Certificates and Expenses.....	65 00—	\$4,365 00

The Missionary Steward submitted his report, which was adopted, as follows:

MINUTES OF THE

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD, MARCH, 1875.

CHARGES.	Assess- ments.	Paid.	Deficiency	Excess.
East Baltimore.....	\$120 00	\$120 00	.....	.....
West Baltimore.....	250 00	259 90	.....	9 00
South Baltimore.....	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Washington Street.....	40 00	7 10	\$32 90	.....
Starr Church.....	150 00	107 78	42 22	.....
Lexington Street.....	100 00	51 50	48 50	.....
Broadway.....	120 00	.....	120 00	.....
Georgetown, D. C.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
Westminster.....	100 00	90 50	9 50	.....
Cumberland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel.....	40 00	30 00	10 00	.....
Easton.....	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
First M. P. Church, Washington, D. C.....	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
Centreville.....	60 00	54 00	6 00	.....
Lynchburg, Va.....	60 00	25 00	35 00	.....
Abingdon, Va.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk.....	10 00	2 02	7 98	.....
Montgomery, Ala.....	50 00	10 00	40 00	.....
First Methodist Church, Pittsburg, Pa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eutaw Station.....	15 00	15 00	.....	.....
Alexandria, Va.....	65 00	50 34	14 66	.....
Choptank.....	25 00	6 00	19 00	.....
Ninth Street, Washington, D. C.....	60 00	15 00	45 00	.....
Potomac.....	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Accomac.....	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Newark, N. J.....	100 00	50 00	50 00	.....
St. Michael's.....	50 00	30 00	20 00	.....
Sussex.....	30 00	15 00	15 00	.....
Harper's Ferry.....	25 00	10 00	15 00	.....
Ellicott City.....	30 00	8 00	22 00	.....
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....
Kent Island.....	25 00	17 03	7 97	.....
Peach Bottom.....	25 00	25 00	.....	.....
Salisbury.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
North Carolina Avenue, Washington, D. C.....	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Hampden and White Ground.....	25 00	8 60	16 40	.....
All Saints'.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....
Anne Arundel.....	125 00	30 00	95 00	.....
Bel Air.....	130 00	53 60	76 37	.....
Baltimore.....	60 00	37 57	22 43	.....
Bedford.....	75 00	11 46	63 54	.....
Caroline.....	50 00	10 00	40 00	.....
Cambridge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cecil.....	50 00	64 00	.....	14 00
Chesapeake.....	20 00	5 60	14 40	.....
Concord.....	25 00	30 44	5 44	.....
Dorchester.....	60 00	50 00	10 00	.....
Frederick.....	60 00	50 00	10 00	.....
Jefferson, Frederick City and Lewistown.....	105 00	43 00	62 00	.....
Pinksburg.....	50 00	17 81	32 19	.....
Howard.....	80 00	10 70	69 30	.....
Leipsic.....	60 00	20 00	40 00	.....
Kent.....	240 00	125 00	115 00	.....
Liberty.....	60 00	25 00	35 00	.....
Milton.....	20 00	9 75	10 25	.....
Pipe Creek.....	125 00	100 00	25 00	.....
Pocomoke.....	50 00	26 25	23 75	.....
Somerset.....	80 00	14 50	65 50	.....
Stewartstown.....	70 00	44 77	25 23	.....
Susquehanna.....	80 00	50 00	30 00	.....
Seaford.....	45 00	7 50	37 50	.....
Talbot.....	30 00	20 00	10 00	.....
Union.....	50 00	5 00	45 00	.....
Warwick.....	80 00	37 00	43 00	.....
Queen Anne's.....	50 00	20 00	30 00	.....
Crumpton.....	15 00	6 00	9 00	.....
Snow Hill.....	20 00	18 00	2 00	.....
Newtown.....	80 00	60 50	19 50	.....
Whaleyville.....	35 00	14 00	21 00	.....
Wicomico.....	20 00	7 21	12 79	.....
Heathsville, Va.....	25 00	20 00	5 00	.....
Campbell, Va.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$4,080 00	\$2,411 56	\$1,696 88	\$28 44
Receipts of Anniversary and Dues.....	.....	263 27	.....	.....
Balance in hands of Steward, from last year.....	.....	3 08	.....	.....
Amount received.....	.....	\$2,677 91	.....	.....

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD—Continued.

MISSIONS.	Appropriations	Paid.
Harper's Ferry.....	\$150 00	\$99 93
Accomac.....	100 00	66 62
Potomac.....	300 00	199 86
Hampden and White Ground.....	400 00	266 48
Salisbury.....	250 00	166 55
Alexandria.....	400 00	266 48
Kent Island.....	300 00	199 86
St. Michael's.....	300 00	199 86
Sussex.....	200 00	133 24
North Carolina Avenue, Washington, D. C.....	600 00	399 72
Ellicott City.....	500 00	333 10
Deficiency on President's Salary (on Missions).....	35 50	23 65
Totals.....	\$3,535 53	\$2,355 35

Assets, \$2,355 42; Apportionments, \$3,535 50 Dividend, 66 62-100 per cent. Balance due..... \$1,180 16
 Assets, \$2,355 42; Paid, \$2,355 35. Balance in hand, \$0 07..... 07
 Deficiency..... \$1,180 08

EXHIBIT.

Paid by Charges..... \$2,411 56
 Receipts from Ann. and Dues..... 263 27
 Cash paid by Steward on error of last year... 3 08— Total, \$2,677 91— 2,677 91
 Received by Treasurer from Charges..... \$1,046 19
 Paid by Treasurer to Missionaries..... \$665 53 }
 " " Steward 72 17 } 737 70
 Amount used by Treasurer in paying deficiencies of last year. &c..... 308 49
 Amount retained by Superintendents for certificates of L. Members.. 14 00
 Deductions... 332 49
 Amount for distribution \$2,355 42

Exhibit No. 2—Cash received by Treasurer from
 Charges \$1,046 19
 Cash received by Steward from
 Charges 1,186 03
 Cash retained by Missionaries..... 165 34
 Cash retained by Superintendents
 for L. M. Certificates..... 14 00— Total, \$2,411 56

Exhibit No. 3—Cash received from Charges by
 Steward \$1,186 03
 Cash received from Anniversary
 Collections 263 27
 Cash received from Treasurer by
 Steward..... 72 17
 Cash received from Steward on
 last year's account. (on error).... 3 08
 Cash retained by Missionaries..... 165 34
 Cash paid Missionaries by Treas'r. 665 53—Assets... \$2,355 42

JAMES T. LASSELL,
 Missionary Steward.

On motion of J. T. Murray, it was resolved that when we adjourn, it be, on motion, to meet at 7½ P. M.

Resolved, That in view of the greatly impaired health of J. A. McFaden, unfitting him for the labors of active ministerial life, he be now granted a superannuated relation.

R. S. NORRIS,
 D. W. BATES.

On motion of L. W. Bates, the case of Bro. McFaden was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

On motion, Conference adjourned to allow the Superannuated Fund Society to hold a business meeting.

Superannuated Fund Society was called to order, J. T. Murray, Vice-President, in the chair.

The following resolution was offered and discussed :

Resolved, That in lifting the Superannuated Fund collection, designed for distribution, the Ministers lifting such collection may, at their discretion, use the Life Membership certificates.

D. A. SHERMER,
J L MILLS.

The resolution was deemed contrary to the Constitution, and was not adopted.

Society adjourned.

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EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by W. D. Litsinger.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was adopted, as follows :

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to submit the following report :

West Baltimore,.....	\$41 35	Stewartstown.....	\$ 2 75
Starr Church,.....	6 51	Concord.....	1 20
Lexington St.	3 00	Liberty.....	6 00
Washington St.....	7 11	Accomac.....	55
S. Baltimore,.....	1 00	1st M. P. Church, Washington....	3 90
Anne Arundel.....	1 70	Easton.....	59 70
Pipe Creek.....	13 00	Talbot.....	3 00
Westminster.....	6 00	St. Michael's.....	1 50
Cecil.....	12 15	Harper's Ferry.....	2 56
Susquehanna.....	3 15	Union.....	25
Centreville.....	3 12	Wicomico.....	4 24
Kent Island.....	1 20	Snow Hill.....	3 16
Potomac.....	1 00	Whaleyville.....	1 50
Frederick.....	2 15	Newtown.....	3 05

Paid to Agent Maryland Bible Society in the District.....	\$195 80
Georgetown, D. C., to Home Society.....	9 75
9th Street, Washington, D. C., to Home Society.....	5 00
Laurel Station to Delaware Bible Society.....	16 00
Milton Circuit to Delaware Bible Society.....	11 00
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission to Frederick Co. Bible Society.....	4 15
Peach Bottom Mission, York county, Bible Society.....	4 00

Whole amount collected in the District.....\$245 70

Fifty dollars of this amount was contributed to make Rev. B. F. Benson a Life Director, leaving one hundred and forty-five dollars and eighty cents, which we recommend to be used to constitute Rev. William T. Dumm and Rev. David Wilson, M. D., Life Directors, and Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell a Life Member.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES THOMPSON,
Chairman of Committee.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was amended and adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Having carefully considered the subject, your Committee submit and recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, Experience has taught us that, in the prosecution of any good cause, it is necessary to employ such a variety of means as may be adapted to meet the various views of the friends of the cause, who are all laboring for the same end, and the various phases of opposition to the cause on the part of its enemies, that such opposition may be overcome and these enemies may be either converted to the good cause or prevented from hindering its progress; and WHEREAS, In the cause of Temperance, (which we regard as eminently entitled to be designated a good cause), the Maryland State Temperance Alliance is pursuing the method, thus taught by experience, to be necessary to success; therefore,

1 *Resolved*, That we, the members of the Maryland Annual Conference, do hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to promote the cause of Temperance, as occasion may require and opportunity be afforded in the several charges which we represent.

2. *Resolved*, We congratulate the Maryland State Temperance Alliance on the success of its efforts for the overthrow of the license system, and we heartily encourage the establishment and endeavor to promote the success of well-conducted and attractive *Temperance Eating Houses*, and give our influence towards discouraging public establishments where ardent spirits are sold as beverages.

3. *Resolved*, That the Ministers of this Conference be, and they are hereby required, to preach at least one special sermon in each congregation during the Conference year, on the subject of Temperance as a Bible doctrine and duty.

4. *Resolved*, That - - - - - be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee of Arrangements for the *Conference Temperance Convention*, to be held on - - - - - of our next Annual Session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. T. WARD,
S. T. GRAHAM,
C. T. COCHELL,
R. B. FERGUSON,
W. K. WHITE,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted, as follows :

President's Salary.

East Baltimore.....	\$50 00	Jefferson and Lewistown.....	40 00
West Baltimore.....	80 00	Bedford.....	45 00
South Baltimore.....	25 00	Howard.....	50 00
Washington Street.....	30 00	Caroline.....	45 00
Starr Church.....	50 00	Cambridge.....	20 00
Georgetown D. C.,.....	80 00	Cecil.....	35 00
Lexington Street.....	30 00	Chesapeake.....	25 00
Newtown.....	45 00	Concord.....	25 00
Cumberland.....	5 00	Dorchester.....	35 00
Westminster.....	50 00	Frederick.....	50 00
Easton.....	40 00	Liberty.....	50 00
Lynchburg, Va.....	25 00	Leipsic.....	35 00
Norfolk, Va.....	10 00	Kent.....	80 00
Eutaw Station.....	10 00	Union.....	25 00
Laurel, Del.....	30 00	Milton.....	20 00
Anne Arundel.....	70 00	Pipe Creek.....	40 00
Bel Air.....	35 00	Pocomoke.....	25 00
Deer Creek.....	15 00	Somerset.....	30 00
Baltimore.....	40 00	Stewartstown.....	30 00
Finksburg.....	35 00	Susquehanna.....	35 00

Seaford.....	15 00	Harper's Ferry.....	20 00
Talbot.....	25 00	Ellicott City.....	15 00
Warwick.....	35 00	Centreville.....	25 00
Queen Anne's.....	25 00	Frederick City.....	15 00
Crumpton.....	10 00	Peach Bottom.....	20 00
Snow Hill.....	25 00	Williamsport and Berkeley.....	20 00
Whaleysville.....	40 00	Kent Island.....	20 00
Alexandria.....	25 00	All Saints'....	15 00
Broadway.....	30 00	North Carolina Avenue, Wash-	
Choptank.....	30 00	ington.....	15 00
First Church, Washington.....	35 00	Hampden.....	15 00
Newark.....	50 00	Heathsville, Va.....	10 00
Ninth St., Washington.....	35 00	Montgomery, Ala.....	15 00
Potomac.....	10 00	Pittsburg.....	40 00
Prince William.....	5 00	Chatsworth.....	30 00
Accomac.....	15 00	Abingdon, Va.....	10 00
St. Michael's.....	20 00	Surry.....	10 00
Sussex.....	10 00		
Salisbury.....	18 00	Total.....	\$2,276 00
Wicomico.....	18 00	D. W. BATES <i>Chairman.</i>	

The report of the Committee on Memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Pipe Creek Circuit was adopted, as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the memorial from the Quarterly Conference of Pipe Creek Circuit, asking this Conference to station the President, or otherwise relieve said Quarterly Conference of the grievance complained of, having given respectful consideration to the petition of the memorialists, beg leave to report:

1. That this Committee has information of but one Quarterly Conference that has joined the memorialists in the petition referred to.

2. That four Quarterly Conferences have refused assent to the petition of the memorialists.

3. That the remaining Quarterly Conferences have either taken no action or failed to report their action to the Annual Conference.

4. The Committee are unanimously of opinion that it would be inexpedient, at this time, to station the President. There is no general demand for such action. On the contrary, it would be received with expressions of dissatisfaction from nearly every portion of the District. While it is the policy of the Church to maintain an efficient itinerant ministry, a travelling President is indispensable. The Churches, therefore, should meet promptly and cheerfully the assessments which are made for his support. The Committee cannot believe that the Conference has, at any time, purposed to require of any Church more than its fair proportion of contributions for the support of general interests. If errors have occurred in making assessments, they have been made for want of accurate information, and the Committee are confident that they will be corrected when proper representations are made by the parties concerned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. MURRAY,
H. C. CUSHING,
W. M. STRAYER,
A. DONELSON,
WILLIAM ARNOLD,
GEO. W. TAYLOR,
CHAS. W. BUTTON.

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants submitted the following, which was adopted:

The case of J. A. McFaden having been submitted to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants, we recommend that he be apportioned for the coming year \$600.

R. SCOTT NORRIS,
J. W. CHARLTON,
JAS M. ELDERDICE.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That as the sacred observance of the Sabbath bears most important relations to sanctuary and Sabbath School attendance, and to the cause of Christ and humanity generally, it therefore devolves upon all Christians to earnestly seek that observance in their private habits and public influence, and to preserve it from the persistent encroachments that would degrade it, by opening places of diversion and dissipation, of pleasure excursions, traffic, and, if possible, destroy the civil law protecting the right of all to its benefits.

Resolved, That it becomes parents and teachers to diligently inculcate in the hearts and minds of the young a true appreciation of its blessings and a delight in its devout observance.

P. L. WILSON,
E. R. MCGREGOR.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the kind and generous hospitality of families of this and other churches of this city, by whom we have been so pleasantly entertained, and that we tender them our grateful thanks. We also tender our thanks to the Baltimore & Ohio and Delaware Railroads, and the Maryland and Chester River Steamboat companies for their liberality to the members of this Conference.

An appeal was made by Rev. W. S. Hammond to the congregation for money to meet the deficiencies of missionaries, and about \$500 was raised in cash and subscriptions.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That new blanks for official reports be provided by the Secretary of Conference in time for the use of the next Conference.

W. M. STRAYER,
J. D. KINZER.

The Faculty of Instruction made an additional report recommending J. M. Yingling for Elders' Orders. which was adopted.

On motion, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby return our thanks to the Secretaries and Stewards of Conference for the faithful and efficient discharge of their duties.

D. W. BATES,
S. A. HOBLITZELL.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Missions be authorized to add to the assessment of the current year the two hundred dollars deficiency of the past year.

J. W. CHARLTON,
R. S. NORRIS.

The request of J. Clay to be left without an appointment was granted.

The President announced the following Committee on Missions: D. A. Shermer, F. Swentzel and D. L. Greeufield.

The President announced the following:

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

D. L. WILSON, M. D.,.....PRESIDENT.

East Baltimore.....D. L. Greenfield, T. McCormick, sup.
West Baltimore.....L. W. Bates, D. D.
South Baltimore.....R. S. Rowe.
Washington Street.....R. S. Norris.
Starr Church.....S. B. Southerland, D. D.
Lexington Street.....E. R. McGregor, A. Richards, H. P. Jordan, sup.

Georgetown, D. C.....	T. D. Valiant, J. A. Weigand, W. C. Lipscomb, sup.
Westminster.....	H. C. Cushing.
Cumberland.....	To be supplied.
Laurel, Del.....	S. G. Valliant.
Easton.....	J- T. Lassell.
First Church, Washington.....	J. D. Wilson.
Centreville.....	J. D. Kinzer.
Lynchburg, Va.....	S. T. Graham.
Norfolk, Va., (loan).....	R. T. Smith.
Montgomery, Ala., (loan).....	J. L. Mills.
Abingdon, Va., (loan).....	W. W. White,
Eutaw Station.....	A. D. Melvin.
First Church, Pittsburg, (loan).....	J. J. Murray, D. D.
Chatsworth.....	F Swentzel, M D
Anne Arundel.....	A. D. Dick, D. N. Gilbert.
Belair.....	W. M. Strayer, Geo. Q. Bacchus.
Baltimore.....	J. W. Gray, W. J. D. Lucas.
Bedford.....	J. M. Elderdice, F. H. Millineaux.
Caroline.....	W. G. Holmes.
Cambridge.....	To be supplied.
Cecil.....	J. Thompson, H. C. Stern.
Chesapeake.....	W. D. Litsinger.
Concord.....	W. F. Livingston.
Dorchester.....	J. M. Holmes, C. S. Arnett.
Frederick.....	C. T- Cochell, one to be supplied, A. Baker, sup.
Jefferson, Frederick City and Lewistown.....	C. H. Littleton, one to be supplied.
Finksburg.....	G. D. Edmondston, one to be supplied.
Howard.....	W. T. Dunn, J. M. Sheridan.
Kent.....	J. B. Jones, P. T. Hall.
Leipsic.....	W. A. Crouse.
Liberty.....	John Roberts.
Milton.....	C. M. Thompson.
Pipe Creek.....	J. W. Charlton.
Pocomoke.....	A. J. Walter.
Somerset.....	J. E. T. Ewell, M. D.
Stewartstown.....	A. W. Mather.
Susquehanna.....	S. A, Hoblitzell.
Seaford.....	S. B. Tredway, T. A. Moore, sup.
Talbot.....	J. E. Read.
Union.....	S. T. Ferguson.
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Adjourned with prayer by J. J. Murray.

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Committee on Publication.

F. Swentzell, Chairman of the Committee, read an obituary of Rev. JOHN ELDERDICE, a lamented deceased member of this Conference, which was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Rev. JOHN ELDERDICE was born in Frederick County, Md., July 14th, 1814, and was born again in the 20th year of his age. One night, when alone in his bed chamber, while meditating upon the great provisions of the atonement, and praying for a personal experience of its saving power, he received the baptism of fire. His testimony was clear as to the genuineness of this inward work and adoption into the divine family, which he regarded as the greatest event of his life, changing his character and destiny. He was a devout man, believing in the efficiency of prayer; he enjoyed daily communion with God in public and private. Such was his devotion to religious principles, nothing could induce him to do what he believed to be wrong. Although modest and retiring in disposition, he was always first in opposing wrong and defending the right. He was honest, upright, and conscientious in his dealings, and exhibited the elements of Christian character in the sacred precincts of his family and in his pastoral relations with his people. For nearly forty years he honored his holy profession by an irreproachable character, and thus attained the altitude of human greatness. In his conversion, he received the impression God had called him to the work of the Ministry. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tom's Creek Chapel, near Emmettsburg; was licensed to exhort, and subsequently, by the Quarterly Conference of Gettysburg Circuit, to preach the Word. A Church difficulty occurred involving a question of interest, which directed him to examine the ecclesiastical polity of the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant Churches, which led him to believe in the rights of the laity to equal representation in the councils of the Church; readily decided to unite with the latter, and was received by the Quarterly Conference of Pipe Creek Circuit of the Methodist Protestant Church. In the fall of 1837, he was employed by the President, Rev. Isaac Webster, as assistant preacher on Shippensburg Circuit. At the next session of the Conference, was received as a probationary member. Realizing his responsibilities, he consecrated himself to his holy office; he was studious in his habits, read the best authors, diligent in the acquisition of knowledge, improved his time and facilities to qualify himself for the work, and was regarded by those who knew him as a good theologian.

His sermons were carefully prepared; methodically arranged and preached earnestly the doctrines of the Gospel, with simplicity and perspicuity. He labored under some physical defects of utterance, so that his sermons did not awaken the appreciation they merited, except to the thoughtful, who recognized careful preparation. But for this impediment in articulation, he would have been classed with the most popular men of his day. For thirty years he has upborne the blessed standard with a self-sacrificing spirit and heroic courage. God crowned his ministry with revivals of religion in the several fields of his labors, and he was among the most useful of our body. As a writer his style was attractive; his fancy clothed his thoughts in beautiful imagery; his themes were scented with roses. Under the signature of "Uncle Toby," living in the shadow of the mountain, he prepared a series of articles for the *Protestant*. These papers created considerable interest, and many inquired, "Who is 'Uncle Toby'?" They were eagerly read, and called forth many favorable comments. His intellect was shrouded in darkness for some four and a-half years, the primary cause of which we shall never know. The diseases of the brain and nervous system are involved in great obscurity, and are beyond the ken of philosophical research. We know but little of the primary causes which disturb the relation of reason with the brain. Every mind, severely taxed, is liable to be dethroned, just as the body may be enervated by too much labor, and invite disease. The loss of reason is the greatest of all calamities. Whatever may have been the exciting cause which has resulted so sadly in depriving him of the joy of conscious existence, the family of his presence, and the Church of his usefulness, it is our privilege to trust to God's providence, although inscrutable to our finite comprehension. A friend of the family requested a Sister of Charity to pray for him. She responded, "Mr. Elderdice prays enough for us all. He must have been a very good man; he is good now in his moments of excitement. I never knew him to be profane." When specially excited, he spent his strength in praying and preaching the Gos-

pel, and, it may be, some precious truth uttered has been a blessing to some in that institution. It was not his privilege to testify in the mortal hour to the power of the Gospel, which he had taught and by which he lived. Who of us needs such testimony from his lips? A long life of earnest piety furnishes stronger evidence of a fitness for heaven than a few brief utterances in death. His record on earth is written; his name is stricken from the roll of living men; he has reached the goal of his journey as a good man. What an epitaph to be written upon life's completed history! and what a name to bequeath to posterity! Brother Elderdice is dead! No, he has just begun to live. He has gone up to the enjoyments of a higher sphere—to comprehend in conscious intelligence his glorious home, and to mingle in blessed fellowship with Webster, Stier, Henkle, Reese, Varden, Roby, Wright, Bowers, and others of precious memory, and with the general assembly and Church of the First Born. Brother Elderdice died on the 9th of July, 1874. Memorial services were held in the Lexington Street M. P. Church, Baltimore; sermon by Rev. F. Swentzel. Appropriate remarks by Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D.; prayer by Rev. H. P. Jordan. His remains were buried in Mt. Gilead Church-yard, Baltimore county. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Dick.

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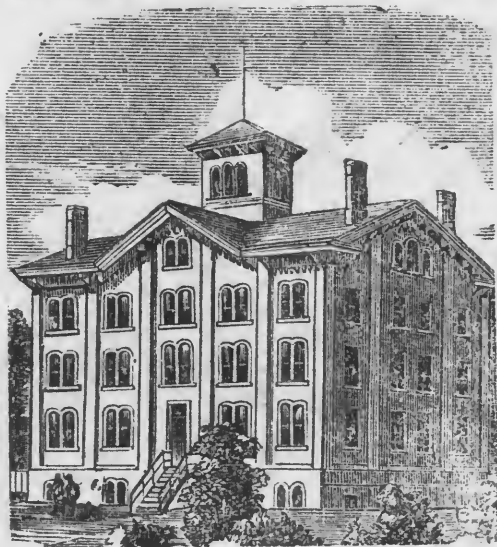
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